

WIND CAVE NATIONAL PARK OFF-TRAIL RISKS, RESPONSIBILITIES AND REGULATIONS

This form is to be signed by each person entering any undeveloped area of Wind Cave or any other cave located within Wind Cave National Park.

RISKS

Caving is a strenuous activity involving climbing, stooping and crawling. Any physical condition that limits such activities may affect your ability to safely participate in off-trail cave travel. Consider your physical or medical conditions when deciding about your ability to safely take part in off-trail trips. Help takes longer to reach you in the cave than it would on the surface.

Caving is associated with hazards such as low ceilings, slippery slopes, tight squeezes, exposed climbs and deep pits along with potential hazards such as falling rock. Wind Cave is known for its complexity and it is very easy to become lost if you get separated from your group.

Please consider these factors in deciding whether you want to join the caving trip.

RESPONSIBILITIES AND REGULATIONS

1. Wind Cave and its features, including historic and cultural features, are protected. No cave feature will be disturbed in any manner.
 - Cave formations, minerals and cultural items will not be removed from the cave.
 - Cave walls, formations or cultural items will not be marked, touched, broken, damaged or altered.
 - Each person must be aware of their surroundings to prevent damage to the cave.
2. All items brought into the cave from the surface will be returned to the surface. This includes bodily wastes.
3. Every member of each group will:
 - Wear a helmet at all times while in the cave.
 - Carry at least three independent, reliable sources of light.
 - Stay with the group at all times and follow the directions of the leader.
 - Make sure at least one first aid kit is carried with each group.

I have read and understand the risks and responsibilities associated with cave travel. I agree to abide by all park regulations for cave travel.

Your Signature _____ Date _____

Date _____

Parent/legal guardian signature for participants under 18

Please print legibly or type

Name _____ Address _____

City _____ State _____ Phone _____

Emergency contact _____